

REMARKS

Applicants have amended their claims in order to further clarify the definition of various aspects of the present invention. Specifically, Applicants are adding new claim 31 to the application. New claim 31 is an independent claim, and recites an adhesive film for semiconductor, the adhesive film having at least one of characteristics (1), (2) and (3) which are the characteristics of the three species referred to on page 2, lines 5-8, of the Office Action mailed May 25, 2005.

The election-of-species requirement set forth on page 2 of the Office Action mailed May 25, 2005, is noted. Pursuant thereto, Applicants respectfully elect the Species 1), that is, a specified linear thermal expansion coefficient. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 4 and 7-14 read on the elected species. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that newly added claim 31, a generic claim, also reads on the elected species, claim 31 being discussed infra.

The contention by the Examiner on page 2, lines 9-11, of the Office Action mailed May 25, 2005, that no claims are generic, is noted. Attention of the Examiner is respectfully directed to newly added claim 31. It is respectfully submitted that claim 31 is a generic claim in the application, reading on each of Species 1), 2) and 3). It is respectfully submitted that claim 31 must be considered on the merits in the above-identified application, together with claims directed to the elected Species 1). Moreover, it is further respectfully submitted that upon allowance of claim 31, the claims reading on Species 2) and 3) must be re-joined in the above-identified application and allowed to issue as a U.S. patent issuing from the above-identified application.


In summary, and in view of all of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully elect Species 1), and respectfully submit that claims 1, 4, 7-14 and 31 read on the elected

species. Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 31 is a generic claim, and also respectfully submit that upon allowance of claim 31, claims reading on Species 2) and 3) must be re-joined in the above-identified application and allowed therein.

Applicants request any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper be charged to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (case 523.41628VX1), and credit any excess payment of fees to such Deposit Account.

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